

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize significant events
4 in the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Julius
6 Weisbach Hegeler II of Danville will be honored as the 69th
7 annual American Business Club's First Citizen at a banquet on
8 on February 28, 2002; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Hegeler was born May 29, 1928 in Danville;
10 his family owned the Hegeler Zinc Company which helped to put
11 Danville on the map and employed many of its citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, Julius Hegeler was educated at Danville High
13 School and attended the University of Illinois from
14 1946-1949, he then continued his education at Millikin
15 University where he earned his Bachelor Degree in Business
16 Administration; and

17 WHEREAS, After leaving school, Mr. Hegeler joined the Air
18 Force and flew 70 combat missions as an F-86 fighter pilot
19 over North Korea; 1st Lieutenant Hegeler was awarded the
20 Distinguished Flying Cross, an Air Medal, and one Oak Leaf
21 Cluster; he is a member of the F-86 Sabre Pilots Association,
22 the Korean War Veteran Association, the American Legion Post
23 210; and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 728; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Hegeler returned to Danville in 1955 and
25 co-founded the world's largest contract packager of chemical
26 specialties, Peterson Filling & Packaging (now
27 Peterson/Puritan, Inc.), where he served as Treasurer and
28 Vice-President before retiring in 1978; and

29 WHEREAS, Since his retirement, Mr. Hegeler has
30 contributed significantly to the betterment of the community
31 through single or multiple projects, personally or

1 professionally; he served on United Way campaigns from 1955
2 through 1983; in 1992 he established the Julius W. Hegeler II
3 Foundation to restore the family mansion into a museum; his
4 most recent involvements have been the YWCA of Danville, the
5 Vermilion County War Museum, and the AMBUCS Playground for
6 Everyone; and

7 WHEREAS, In Mr. Hegeler's role as a volunteer, he has
8 served on the boards of the Danville Area Community
9 Foundation, the Vermilion County Museum Society, the Lakeview
10 Medical Center Foundation, the Center for Children's
11 Services, the Vermilion Heritage Foundation, the Vermilion
12 County American Red Cross and the Vermilion County Airport
13 Authority; and

14 WHEREAS, Julius W. Hegeler is known to his community as a
15 man who asks for no recognition, but deserves much; not only
16 does he donate much of his funds anonymously, he also sees
17 that his money is well spent, spending hours discussing plans
18 and changes concerning each project; and

19 WHEREAS, Julius Hegeler married the late Bobette Steely
20 in 1956 and is the father of Alix Shreve, Harlin Steely, and
21 Madelle Goodloe; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
24 we congratulate Julius Weisbach Hegeler II of Danville for
25 his achievement of the American Business Club's First Citizen
26 Award, and thank him for his dedication to numerous civic and
27 charitable organizations that have richly benefited his
28 fellow citizens; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
30 presented to Julius W. Hegeler II as an expression of our
31 esteem.